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Daily Readings from the Bible

JULY

Morning Readings.

8. Acts, 21:27-22:21
9. " 22:22-23:11
10. " 23:12-35
11. " 24:1-27
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13. " 26:1-32
14. " 27:1-26

Evening Readings.

Jeremiah, 10:6-11:5
" 11:6-23
" 12:1-13:7
" 13:8-14:6
" 14:7-15:4
" 15:5-16:4
" 16:5-17:4

Church News

VIRGINIA.

Charlottesville: It was our privilege to attend the morning service here on July 2nd, and to hear Dr. Petrie. He took as his text Luke 7:5, "For he loveth our nation." Though he did not wish to bring outside questions into the pulpit he felt that the church is the place for all lessons that deal with life. He spoke of the near approach of the anniversary of the birth of our nation and then of the privileges that are ours in this great land. He did not stop with privileges but pointed out the duties which arise from these privileges.

The service was unusually well attended for such warm weather when many of the members are away from town. In fact the church was almost crowded. The visitors were given a hearty welcome.

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University of Virginia: The ninth annual Rural Life Conference will be held here July 17th to 21st. Among the good things on the program are such subjects as these, dealing especially with the country church:

"The Call of the Mountains to the Church and State," Rev. George P. Mayo, Blue Ridge Episcopal Industrial School, Dyke, Va.

"Unifying Rural Religious Forces," Rev. Charles O. Gill, secretary, Commission on Church and Country Life, Federal Council of Churches, Columbus, O.

Bible lecture, "Jesus as a Teacher—His Principles of Teaching," Professor W. M. Forrest, Cary Memorial Professor of Biblical Literature, University of Virginia.

Bible lecture, "Jesus as a Teacher—His Sources of Material," Professor W. M. Forrest.

Adjournment.

"The Country Church as a Southern Problem," Rev. Victor T. Masters, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"A New Vision and a New Objective," Mr. W. C. McCarty, Boys' Secretary and Country Work Expert, Young Men's Christian Association of the State of Virginia, Richmond.

"The Girl in the Country," Miss Willie R. Young, South Atlantic Field Secretary, National Young Women's Christian Association, Richmond.

Bible lecture, "Jesus as a Teacher—The Form of His Teaching," Professor W. M. Forrest.

"The Value of Sunday-school Community Surveys," Rev. H. H. Hudson, Superintendent of West Hanover Presbytery Home Missions and Sunday-school Work, Charlottesville.

"The Achievements of the Country Sunday-school," Rev. Joseph T. Watts, Sunday-school Secretary, Mission Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond.

Bible lecture, "Jesus as a Teacher—His Kinship to Old Testament Prophets and Sages," Professor W. M. Forrest.

"How the State Association Helps the Sunday-school Promote Rural Betterment," Mr. Thomas C. Diggs, Secretary, Virginia Sunday-school Association, Richmond.

"The Personality of the Teacher," Professor A. L. Hall-Quest, Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Virginia.

Lynchburg: One of the three great conventions for ministers which the Laymen's Missionary Movement is planning for next winter, will be held here during the latter part of January, 1917. This was decided upon at a conference of ministers and laymen of the city with Dr. D. Clay Lilly, a Field Secretary of the Movement, and a committee was appointed to attend to all necessary local arrangements. Mr. G. E. Caskie, an elder of the First church, is at the head of this committee, which is composed of one layman from each Protestant church of the city. It is expected that the attendance will be at least one thousand delegates, drawn from the Protestant ministry of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Rivermont Avenue: The date of the installation of the pastor-elect, Rev. E. M. Delaney, has been changed from the third Sunday to the fifth Sunday of July, at 11 A. M., at which time all the Presbyterian congregations of the city will unite in the service. Dr. W. T. Palmer will preside, Rev. H. L. Cathey will charge the people, and by special request of Mr. Delaney and invitation of Montgomery Presbytery, Dr. W. R. Laird, of Roanoke Presbytery, former pastor of Mr. Delaney, will preach and charge the pastor.

Altavista: The installation of Rev. F. H. Chapman as pastor of this group, Altavista, Leesville and Otterwood, will take place on Sunday, July 23rd, the commission consisting of Revs. P. C. Clark, H. L. Cathey, W. T. Williams and Ruling Elders Eugene Ould and W. L. Vaughan.

Crab Orchard: Rev. B. F. Bedinger, evangelist for Roanoke Presbytery, closed a ten days' series of services at Crab Orchard chapel last Monday night. Large congregations attended daily upon the services, although it rained for several days. Mr. Bedinger's sermons were a rare treat, and the exposition of the word was peculiarly clear and convincing. There was a marked interest manifested in each service. As a visible result there were two professions of faith, and God's people revived and strengthened.

Lee W. Morton.

Lexington: During the absence of the pastor, Dr. Alfred T. Graham, who is away on a vacation, the pulpit of this church will be supplied during July and August as follows: July 9th, by Rev. J. Gray McAllister, D. D., of Louisville Theological Seminary; July 16th, 23d and 30th, by Rev. Samuel McP. Glasgow, of Mercedes, Tex., and during the month of August by Rev.

Edward R. Leyburn, D. D., of Durham, N. C.

Highbridge: A commission of Presbytery met at this church Sunday morning, June 25th, to install the Rev. S. S. Oliver as pastor. Rev. H. L. Cathey, of Lynchburg, preached and propounded the constitutional questions and the Rev. P. C. Clark, of Salem, delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. E. Baker, of Falling Springs, charged the congregation. Rev. Mr. Clark preached a powerful sermon at night.

Salem: This church has recently enjoyed a season of special blessings in connection with a ten days' visit to our midst of Rev. R. G. McLees, whose unique gifts as an evangelistic preacher are so well known throughout the South. Very diligent preparation for the coming of Mr. McLees had been made by our people. Not only did they make full use of every legitimate avenue of publicity for the purpose of bringing the services to the attention of the community, but a large number of our members banded themselves together beforehand to pray for individuals by name, and to do personal work during the meeting. The results of this preparation and effort were apparent from the very start. At the very initial service on the evening of June 19th every available seat in the church was occupied and chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the overflow. From that time until the end of the ten days, under the spell of the marvelous preaching of Mr. McLees and through the unremitting personal endeavors of consecrated workers of all denominations, the attendance grew apace, until on the closing nights it reached fully double the normal seating capacity of the church, and scores of persons sat on the lawn and listened through the side windows, which had been unscrewed from their fastenings and thrown wide open. But perhaps the most notable service of all was on Sunday afternoon, June 25th, when men only were admitted. The church was thronged to the doors by a vast crowd of men—a most impressive sight—and Mr. McLees, who is preeminently a man's preacher, delivered one of his greatest sermons on "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out."

The results of the meeting have been most satisfactory. In all there were seventy-eight professions of faith and a number of reclamations. Many will join other churches. Twenty-four have already united with ours, and there are others to follow.

LeRoy Gresham.

ALABAMA.

Selma: The union Sunday night services held during the summer on the lawn of the Episcopal church, continues to grow in attendance. The different church choirs occupy the platform, benches made for the occasion are used, the hymns are thrown upon a screen at the side of the platform. Heretofore these union night services have been held in either the Methodist, Presbyterian or Baptist churches. The preaching is evangelical.

A large number of prominent laymen and a majority of the ministers made a strong fight against the opening of the municipal swimming pool (a new thing in Selma) on Sunday, or any part of the day, but the officials would only agree to close it during the hours of service in the morning and at night.

ARKANSAS.

DeQueen, First Church: Last Sunday, the first Sunday of July, we observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The names of six members, received during the past quarter, were announced. One of these is an old

Confederate veteran, received by profession and baptism, his wife being received upon reaffirmation of her faith in Christ. Rev. W. N. Lowrance was with us and filled the pulpit, both morning and evening, to the pleasure and profit of all.

J. I. P.

FLORIDA.

Bartow: Rev. H. H. Newman, of Lakeland, came July 2nd by invitation of Mr. Turpin and preached a most excellent sermon, and assisted in the communion service. One Sabbath school scholar was received by examination and two children were baptized. The congregations have greatly improved since Mr. Turpin came to us, and there are gratifying evidences of steady growth.

Y.

Key West: Rev. S. W. Rogers, Ph. D., our resident minister here, celebrated the Fourth of July by the baptism of William Wederstrandt Whetmore, the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Whetmore, who live near South Beach. An impressive service dedicated the young life to the Lord and those present felt more than ever the blessing of Jesus on the children. All our elders are away on their summer vacation, and the city is somewhat dull spiritually, but we are striving to keep things moving. Our little flock in Key West needs the prayers and assistance of the whole Church to upbuild Presbyterianism in this needy section.

Madison: W. S. Patterson, pastor. The Madison Sunday-school observed Children's Day Sunday night, June 25th. A large crowd witnessed the Brazilian pageant and were unanimous in pronouncing it the best illustration of missionary work that was ever seen in Madison. The offering for the Brazil work amounted to \$15. Sunday, July 2nd, two members were received into the church by letter. The pastor has added another afternoon preaching point to his work. The first Sabbath afternoon being given to Weston an active saw mill town four miles south of Madison.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Central Church: A deeply spiritual communion service was held in this church on the first Sunday of July. The pastor announced that sixty-three members had been received since the April communion. Of this number thirty-two were on confession of faith, and thirty-one by letter. For more than three months there has not been a single Sunday without additions to the membership of the church. This gracious season was inaugurated by two weeks of special prayer and preaching, the pastor conducting the services. During the past few weeks a special evangelistic effort has been carried forward in the Sunday-school under the leadership of the superintendent.

Atlanta: There were reported in the various Presbyterian churches over two hundred additions during the last quarter. In some churches there has been a quiet and continuous work of grace as seen in additions on profession of faith every Sunday.

Commerce: The missionary pageant, "Christ in America," was presented in our church Tuesday evening, the fourth instant, by members of the Young Peoples' Society. The church was beautifully decorated. The young people, representing different missionary fields, dressed in native costumes and carrying their national flags, all pleaded with Columbia for the sending of the gospel to their respective countries. The spirit and manner in which they performed their parts did them great credit, and made a deep and salutary impression upon the audience. After this program, a social hour was spent in the Sunday-school room

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